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REMARKS

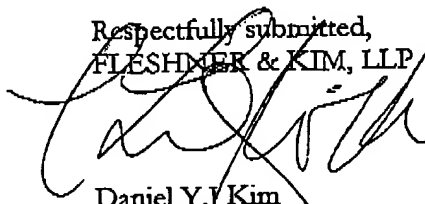
Claims 14-16, 18, and 20 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 18 is amended. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative in the March 22, 2004 telephone conference. The Examiner is further thanked for the indication therein that claims 14-16 and 20 are in condition for allowance and that claim 18 would be in condition for allowance if amended to correct its dependency. Accordingly, claim 18 has been amended to depend from independent claim 14.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Carol L. Druzbeck, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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